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- Table 1**
- | Variable | Mean | SD | Min | Max |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------|-----|-----|
| Age | 35.2 | 10.5 | 18 | 65 |
| Gender | Male | | | |
| Marital status | Married | | | |
| Education | High school | | | |
| Occupation | Unemployed | | | |
| Income | \$10,000 | | | |
| Health status | Good | | | |
| Stress level | Low | | | |
| Life satisfaction | High | | | |
| Resilience | High | | | |
| Optimism | High | | | |
| Self-efficacy | High | | | |
| Emotional stability | High | | | |
| Social support | High | | | |
| Problem-solving skills | High | | | |
| Communication skills | High | | | |
| Decision-making skills | High | | | |
| Conflict resolution skills | High | | | |
| Interpersonal skills | High | | | |
| Leadership skills | High | | | |
| Teamwork skills | High | | | |
| Time management skills | High | | | |
| Organization skills | High | | | |
| Planning skills | High | | | |
| Goal setting skills | High | | | |
| Self-regulation skills | High | | | |
| Emotional regulation skills | High | | | |
| Stress management skills | High | | | |
| Problem-solving skills | High | | | |
| Communication skills | High | | | |
| Decision-making skills | High | | | |
| Conflict resolution skills | High | | | |
| Interpersonal skills | High | | | |
| Leadership skills | High | | | |
| Teamwork skills | High | | | |
| Time management skills | High | | | |
| Organization skills | High | | | |
| Planning skills | High | | | |
| Goal setting skills | High | | | |
| Self-regulation skills | High | | | |
| Emotional regulation skills | High | | | |
| Stress management skills | High | | | |

6. A pointing device as recited in claim 1 wherein the information associated with the user's identity comprises a signal indicating attributes of the user's print, so that the computer system may determine whether the user is authorized to access the computer system.

7. A pointing device as recited in claim 6 wherein the attributes of the fingerprint comprises a digitized scanned image of the user's fingerprint.

8. A pointing device as recited in claim 6 wherein the attributes of the fingerprint comprises a compressed digital representation of the user's print.

9. A pointing device as recited in claim 6 wherein the attributes of the fingerprint comprises a digital representation of minutia of the user's print.

10. A pointing device as recited in claim 1 wherein the position sensor is a mouse.

11. A pointing device as recited in claim 2:
further comprising at least one button position; and
wherein the fingerprint sensor is disposed below a particular one of the at least
one button positions.

12. A pointing device as recited in claim 11 wherein an operable button is located at the particular button position.

13. A pointing device as recited in claim 11 wherein an inoperable button is located at the particular button position.

14. A pointing device as recited in claim 11 wherein no button is located at a particular button position.

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three button positions.

A pointing device as recited in claim 1 wherein the position sensor

A pointing device as recited in claim 16 wherein the position sensor

A pointing device as recited in claim 16 wherein the trackball is

A pointing device as recited in claim 18 wherein the trackball is

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A pointing device as recited in claim 11 wherein:

ingerprint sensor includes an optical imaging array; and

icular button position includes a transparent material through which the

user's fingerprint may be imaged by the imaging array.

23. A pointing device as recited in claim 11 wherein:
the fingerprint sensor includes a capacitive imaging array located at the
particular button position contactable by the user's finger so that the
user's fingerprint may be imaged by the capacitive imaging array.

24. A pointing device as recited in claim 23 wherein:
the fingerprint sensor is incorporated into an operable button located at the
particular button position.

25. A pointing device comprising:
an interface for operably communicating with a computer system;
a base;
a trackball mounted upon the base;
an upper section connected to the base and including at least one button
formed substantially on a top surface of the upper section; and
a fingerprint sensor mounted within the upper section and disposed at a
location such that when operating said pointing device in a normal
manner, a user's hand rests naturally in a position to place a finger of
the user's hand in proximity to and readable by said fingerprint sensor.

26. A pointing device as in claim 25 wherein:
the base is substantially circular in shape when viewed from above, thus
having a generally circular perimeter; and
the trackball is mounted off-center on the base at a location intersecting the
generally circular perimeter;

27. A pointing device as in claim 25 wherein:
the upper section is movably-connected to the base such that the trackball is
positionable to both a position leftward of and rightward of the upper
section.

28. A pointing device as in claim 27 wherein the upper section is rotatably-connected to the base.
29. A pointing device as in claim 26 wherein the upper section is fixably-connected to the base.
30. A pointing device as in claim 25 wherein the upper section comprises: a plurality of button positions formed substantially on a rearward portion of the top surface of the upper section; and wherein the fingerprint sensor is located beneath a particular one of the button positions.
31. A pointing device as in claim 30 wherein an operable button of the pointing device is located at the particular button position.
32. A pointing device as in claim 30 wherein no operable button of the pointing device is located at the particular button position.
33. A pointing device as in claim 30 wherein an inoperable button of the pointing device is located at the particular button position.
34. A pointing device as in claim 25 wherein: the interface includes a cable passing through a rear surface of the upper section.
35. A pointing device as in claim 25 wherein: the interface includes a wireless interface having a transducer disposed at a rear surface of the upper section.
36. A pointing device as in claim 28 wherein: when the upper section is rotated such that the trackball is located leftward of the upper section, a right-handed user's hand, when operating the

in a normal manner, rests naturally in a position to place a finger of the user's right hand in proximity to and readable by the fingerprint sensor and the user's right thumb in a position to comfortably move the trackball; and

when the upper section is rotated such that the trackball is located rightward of the upper section, a left-handed user's hand, when operating the device in a normal manner, rests naturally in a position to place a finger of the user's left hand in proximity to and readable by the fingerprint sensor and the user's left thumb in a position to comfortably move the trackball.

37. A pointing device as recited in claim 30 wherein:
the fingerprint sensor includes an optical imaging array; and
the particular button position includes a transparent material through which the user's fingerprint may be imaged by the imaging array.

38. A pointing device as recited in claim 30 wherein:
the fingerprint sensor includes a capacitive imaging array located at the particular button position contactable by the user's finger so that the user's fingerprint may be imaged by the capacitive imaging array.

39. A pointing device as recited in claim 38 wherein:
the fingerprint sensor is incorporated into an operable button located at the particular button position.

40. A pointing device comprising:
an interface for operably communicating with a computer system;
a base which is substantially circular in shape when viewed from above, thus having a generally circular perimeter;
a trackball mounted off-center on the base at a location along the generally circular perimeter;

